

## § 3505.64

### § 3505.64 How do I apply for an extension?

There is no application form. Just send us a written request with the information in § 3505.65 of this part at least 90 days before your permit expires. Include the processing fee for extensions of prospecting permits found in the fee schedule in § 3000.12 of this chapter and the first year's rental in accordance with §§ 3504.10, 3504.15, and 3504.16 of this part.

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### § 3505.65 What information must I include in my extension request?

Your request must:

- (a) Show that you have met the conditions for extension in § 3505.62;
- (b) Describe your previous diligent prospecting activities on the permit; and
- (c) Show how much additional time you need to complete prospecting work.

### § 3505.66 If approved, when is my extension effective?

Your permit extension will become effective on the date we approve it, or on the expiration date of the original permit, if this date is later.

### § 3505.70 May I relinquish my prospecting permit?

Yes. You may relinquish the entire prospecting permit or any legal subdivision of it. A partial relinquishment must clearly describe the exact acreage you want to relinquish. BLM will not accept a relinquishment if you are not in compliance with the requirements of your permit. Once we accept the request, your relinquishment is effective as of the date you filed it with BLM. We will then note the relinquishment on the land status records. We may then open the lands to any new applications. If you relinquish part or all of your permit, you lose any right to any preference right lease to the lands covered by the relinquishment.

### § 3505.75 What happens if I fail to pay the rental?

Your prospecting permit will automatically terminate if you do not pay the rental before the anniversary date

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of the permit. We will note your permit termination on the official status records.

### § 3505.80 What happens when my permit expires?

Your permit will expire at the end of its initial or extended term, as applicable, without notice. BLM may open the lands to new applications 60 days after your permit expires. However, if you timely filed for an extension under § 3505.64 of this part, the 60 day period would begin to run on the date BLM denies your extension request. If you timely filed for a preference right lease under § 3507.15 of this part, the 60 day period only would begin to run on the date BLM denies your lease application.

### § 3505.85 May BLM cancel my prospecting permit for reasons other than failure to pay rental?

Yes.

(a) We may cancel your permit if you do not comply with the Mineral Leasing Act, any of the other acts applicable to your specific permit, these regulations, or any of the permit terms or stipulations. We will give you 30 days notice, within which you must correct your default. If your default continues, BLM may cancel your permit.

(b) If we waive one cause for cancellation, we may still cancel your permit for another cause, or for the same cause occurring at another time. Unless you file an appeal, we will note your permit cancellation on the land status records. BLM may use your bond to reclaim the land or correct other deficiencies if we cancel your permit.

## Subpart 3506—Exploration Licenses

### GENERAL INFORMATION

### § 3506.10 What is an exploration license?

An exploration license allows you to explore known, unleased mineral deposits to obtain geologic, environmental and other pertinent data concerning such deposits.